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**FIRE SAFETY WEEK** 

## **Greeks lobby** Congressional reps for fire prevention act

By Corene Brisendine KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Fraternities and sororities sent delegates to Washington, D.C., recently in efforts to lobby Congress for tax-deductable funding for preventing house fires

The College Fire Prevention Act, House Resolution 642, will create a grant program to match donations to install firesprinkler systems in existing student housing, including fraternities and sororities. This will allow the tax-deductable donations to be used.

Laws allow colleges and universities to use nonprofit donations to maintain housing like student residence halls on campus, but prohibit fraternity and sorority houses from the same, said assistant director of Greek Affairs, Shawn Eagleburger.

Fraternities and sororities are the largest nonprofit student landlords nationwide, Eagleburger said.

On average, one in eight students reside in a fraternity or sorority house. Many of these houses are old and have outof-date plumbing, electrical and fire systems. Greek housing averages one fire every 2.5 days in the United States.

The fraternities and sororities on K-State's campus rely on national organizations for funding. These organizations are umbrella corporations that collect and administer donations throughout the individual houses, like those at K-State.

The money donated to the national organizations is tax-deductable, but the law states the money can be used for educational purposes only, Eagleburger said.

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## Manhattan encourages fire safety at K-State

By Brandon Steinert KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

"Prevent Home Fires" is the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11. On Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., dozens of students stopped at a booth between Boyd and Van Zile Halls, where they picked up fire-prevention literature and participated in activities like fire extinguisher training.

The week's events will be coordinated by the Manhattan Fire Department in conjunction with the Kansas Forest Service, K-State Department of Public Safety and the Kansas State Fire Marshal.

The fire extinguisher training drew the largest crowd. It allowed people to operate an extinguisher and put out a propane fire under the supervision of Larry Zentz, K-State fire prevention inspector.

Zentz has been at K-State for 42 years and in fire prevention since the 1960s. He said fire extinguisher training used to involve a pan of diesel fuel. Now the department uses a \$5,000 system designed to be much safer.

Zentz explained that fire extinguishers work for only a short time and should only be used to fight small fires or to help escape a fire by putting out small fires in the way of an exit.

The Kansas Forest Service provided information regarding landscaping and ways to arrange shrubs and trees to make houses defendable in the event of a wildfire. Jason Hartman, fire prevention specialist, said several fires are fought per week in Riley County during the spring season.

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# Tantalizing tunes



Photos by Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

The Claremont Trio plays at McCain Auditorium Friday. The group played selections from Joseph Haydn, Paul Schoenfield and Antonin

### Claremont Trio captivates K-State audience during McCain performance

By Jelani Yancey KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Julia Bruskin sat down with her cello. She made a gentle shave across the strings with her bow, letting the hum disperse throughout McCain auditori-

Satisfied at the sound, she nodded approval at the violinist to her right her sister, Emily Bruskin. Together, with pianist Donna Kwong, all three musicians took a deep breath, and together began to play the first notes of Joseph Hadyn's "Trio in G major."

The three women form the Claremont Trio and performed Friday night to a crowd of about 250 students and lo-day, Emily swayed back and forth with

cal residents.

"Organizing a performance is like planning a meal," said Julia Bruskin. "You don't want to have the same things; you want a variety of ingredients.'

Emily and Julia Bruskin met Donna Kwong as students at the Juilliard School of Music. They performed together at the Young Concert Artists' International Auditions in 1999 and subsequently formed a group. They named themselves after Claremont Avenue, the New York City street on which Juilliard was built.

The Claremont Trio is known for combining passion and energy with technical prowess in its performances. Fri-

each stroke of her bow, reminiscent of a leaf tossing in the wind. Julia smiled often and deeply, with the kind of smile one might make after taking a cake out

"There was a certain amount of showmanship performed with the flourishes and some of the facial expressions," said Michael Donnelly, associate professsor of English. "I'm not sure if some of the purists like that, but the music is easier to relate to when you see that the performers aren't blocks of ice."

In all, the women performed four songs. They led off with Haydn's trio, then played "Café Music" by Paul

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**Emily Bruskin**, violin player for the Claremont Trio, concentrates as she performs at McCain



**Donna Kwong**, piano player for the Claremont Trio, displays finesse during the Claremont Trio's performance.



Julia Bruskin, cello player for the Claremont Trio, shows emotion during the group's performance Friday night.

## Parents to be notified if underage students are caught drinking

By Joel Aschbrenner KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State students under the age of 21 have another consequence to worry about if caught drinking or using drugs.

In response to growing concerns about students' use of alcohol and drugs, the Office of Student Life has instituted a policy that allows university officials to notify parents if their underage student receives a second drug or alcohol violation on campus.

A student's parents will be sent a letter if their child receives a second citation for drugs or alcohol notifying them of the incident. The letter will also contain information

about drugs and alcohol.

The first time a stu-

dent is cited for a drug or alcohol offense on campus, which includes Snyder Family Stadium and the adjacent tailgating lots, the student can choose to appear before an administrative hearing or a student judicial review board.

"[The students] have a chance to tell their side of what happened, or admit or deny," said Heather Reed, director of student life. "Then we problem solve and evaluate the situation."

Reed said many schools have used a similar policy, or even notified parents upon their

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#### Bailout breakdown: That's a lot of zeros

Now that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed the \$700 billion bailout bill and President George W. Bush has signed it into law, Americans hopefully will see positive effects on the econo-

However, to most Kansas citizens and K-State students, \$700 billion is an unimaginable figure. Here are a few numbers to help put it into perspective, K-State style.

WITH \$700 BILLION, ...



every K-State student could buy 3,138 14inch cheese pizzas from Gumby's and 2,265 30packs of Bud Light every day for a year.

every U.S. citizen could take 12 credit hours of classes at K-State for the



in-state tuition rate.

every citizen of Kansas could buy 230 brand-new Apple MacBooks. Talk about one laptop per

every K-State student could drive to Kansas City, Kan., and back 969,127 times with gas bought for \$3.19 a gallon (Kwik Shop's price at press time) and a car that got 25 miles per gallon.

every Kansas citizen could own 175 42-inch Polaroid plasma TVs.

every male student at K-State could buy 10,822 white-gold, 1-carat diamond engagement rings.

every Kansas citizen could buy 6,331 K-State hoodies from Varney's, or - to spread the influence of our Wildcat Nation – every U.S. citizen could purchase 58.

40,000 Bramlage Coliseums could be built. But there aren't enough Michael Beasleys for those.

And ..



President Jon Wefald would have to work for 2,741,894 years to earn that sum. Sorry about your retirement plans, Mr. Pres-

**Compiled by Jacque Haag** 

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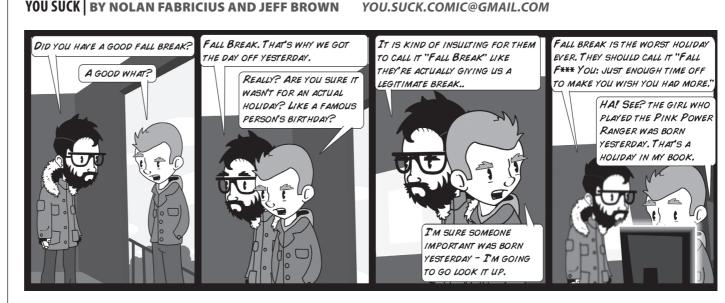
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YOU SUCK BY NOLAN FABRICIUS AND JEFF BROWN



#### THE BLOTTER | ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

#### **THURSDAY**

Deborah Ann Young, 2633 Claflin Road, was arrested at 10:04 a.m. for theft, forgery, making false information and computer crime. Bond was set at \$10,000. Lance William Caruthers, St. George, Kan., was arrested at 1:20 p.m. for violation of a

protective order. Bond was set at \$2,000. Erica Ruth Hoffman, 2410 Greenbriar Drive, Apt. L, was arrested at 2:54 p.m. for conspiracy to commit a felony, theft and unlawful removal of a theft detection device. Bond was set at \$2,500.

**Brian Drexel Stocking**, Junction City, was arrested at 3:08 p.m. for giving a worthless check. Bond was set at \$500. Levi John Truesdale, Riley, Kan., was arrested at 3:38 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond

was set at \$1,500. Dale Edward Billings, St. George, Kan., was arrested at 6:20 p.m. for criminal threat. Bond was set at \$2,000.

**Shomar Edrico Bartley**, 400 Kearney St., was arrested at 6:56 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$3,250.

#### **FRIDAY**

Michael Christopher Gardner, Noblesville, Ind., was arrested at 2:17 a.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

Kayla Marie Blefko, Olathe, Kan., was arrested at 3:05 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Andrew Frank Browder, 324 N. Delaware Ave., was arrested at 4:55 a.m. for failure to appear and harassment by phone. Bond was set at \$780.

**Shomar Edrico Bartley**, 400 Kearney St., was arrested at 8:19 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000. Ciara Cherelle Wooten, 2035 Fort Riley Blvd., Unit A, was arrested at 11:29 a.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Paul Marshal Brown, Junction City, was arrested at 3:43 p.m. for theft and forgery. Bond was set at \$4,000. Jeremy Scott Potter, 3006 Claflin Road,

was arrested at 4:03 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500. Lucas Lane Routson, 2114 Mike Place, was arrested at 4:30 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Sara Ramirez, 719 Bluemont Ave., was arrested at 6:30 p.m. for theft. No bond was set. Daniel Raymon Reyes, 5204 Terra Heights

Drive, was arrested at 7:54 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000. **Leona Alice Craven,** Ogden, Kan., was arrested at 10:15 p.m. for failure to appear.

Bond was set at \$5,000. Lori Ann Wilkerson, Westmoreland, Kan., was arrested at 11:48 p.m. for unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

#### **SATURDAY**

Torry Thomas Barleen, Concordia, Kan., was arrested at 12:45 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500. John Michael Morgan, 2004 Poppy Court, was arrested at 1:15 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750. Corie Elizabeth Reed, 205 Griffith Drive, was arrested at 1:25 a.m. for battery. Bond

was set at \$500. Kyle Thomas Smith, Fort Riley, was arrested at 1:45 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Tristan Adam Price, Fort Riley, was arrested at 2:20 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

James Douglas Wilson, Louisville, Kan., was arrested at 3 a.m. for use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia; unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances; and driving under the influence. Bond was

Torry Thomas Barleen, Concordia, Kan.,

was arrested at 4:01 a.m. for harassment by phone. Bond was set at \$1,000. Benjamin Joseph O'Leary, 11309

Lakeview Drive, was arrested at 4:04 a.m. for

driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500. Porfirio Rey Hernandez, 912 Fremont St., was arrested at 4:30 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

James Douglas Wilson, Louisville, Kan., was arrested at 7:43 a.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$385.10. Alex Esser Vahsholtz, Herington, Kan., was

arrested at 2:16 p.m. for obstruction of the legal process and purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverage by a minor. Bond was set at \$750. Marta Pacheco Martinez, 2500 Farm

Bureau Road, No. 25, was arrested at 4:06 p.m. for forgery, making false information and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Eddiola Dichel Curtis, 3023 Sandstone Drive, Apt. 6, was arrested at 4:23 p.m. for battery and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Jacob Coy May, Fort Scott, Kan., was arrested at 5:39 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750. Jennifer Ann Neuman, Fort Riley, was arrested at 8:10 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

#### THE PLANNER | CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Students, faculty and staff can donate blood from 3 to 8 p.m. today to Thursday in Putnam Hall; from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today to Thursday at the K-State Student Union; and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Union.

Career and Employment Services will sponsor an Overseas Teaching Workshop at 4 p.m. Thursday in K-State Student Union 213. For more information, go to www.k- state. Alpha Xi Delta's third-annual Fiesta Feed will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at 601 Fairchild Terrace. The cost of the all-you-can-eat nacho buffet is \$3. The Jared Daniels Band will perform, and participants can celebrate with pinatas.

The influenza vaccine is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are scheduled for Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30 and Nov. 6, 13 and 20, or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, www.k-state.edu/lafene, for vaccine dates/times and info.



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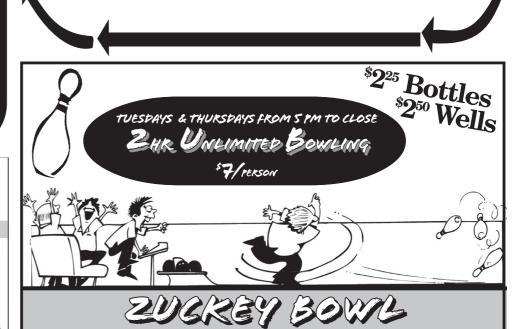
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## Students initiate mass recycling on gameday

**By Sarah Burford** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State students took it upon themselves to recycle at the football game Satur-

day.

Zack Pistora, junior in political science and volunteer for gameday recycling, said this is the first time K-State has recycled on such a large scale at football games.

We're really just trying to say, 'We're just K-State wanting to do this," Pistora said. He said the student volunteers hope that by showing the university how important recycling is to them, K-State will hire people to recycle at the stadium every gameday.

In the past, K-State has simply concentrated on recycling inside the stadium, but this year, Pistora said student volunteers gave bags to tailgaters, who then filled them with their recyclables.

The students then collected the bags, hauled them to K-State's recycling facility, and sorted them by hand to send to the recycling center.

The students also picked up inside the stadium after the game. Pistora said plastic bottles comprise about 90 percent of the stadium's trash on gamedays, while aluminum cans compose most of the tailgating trash.

"Most of the trash thrown away can be recycled," he

Pistora said many groups were involved in the recycling effort, including Students for Environmental Action, the SEE Green campaign, the Facilities Department (KSU Recycling), Greeks Go Green, Emerging Green Builders, Student Farm Club, Student Sustainability Coalition, and the Student Governing Associa-

> Not valid with any other offer. Valid after 10:30 am.

### Band in the background



Kacie Davis, sophomore in art, works on a Sudoku in Radina's Coffeehouse Wednesday night as she listens to local folk band The Salt



(EXCLUDES TALCOHOL)































Justice served

O.J.'s conviction was well deserved

**TO THE POINT** 

## Unfair to involve parents with alcohol

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

With the recent notification that parents will be informed upon a student's second drug or alcohol violation on campus, there has been a concern that this puts a restriction on our freedom as young adults.

K-State officials might feel it is necessary to keep parents involved in various matters of their students' life at college. What they might fail to realize is that many students here are independent in a sense that they pay for their own college costs, so why do their parents need to be informed of any accidents?

Being in college and making mistakes is all a part of growing up and becoming an adult.

When we leave college, we need to be able to solely rely on ourselves to make important decisions.

Making mistakes in college creates room for improvement and gives us a chance to fix these aspects of our lives before we leave K-State.

Another significant concern is that this could create a decrease in the K-State student population.

Unfortunately, these are things that might cause students to transfer schools or even avoid coming to K-State.

When students are looking for a university, one of the things they look for is freedom.

The last thing they want is a repeat of middle or high school where they feel constricted by the bounds and policies of a university.

We applaud K-State for trying to decrease underage drinking among students. However, we think we can fight underage drinking in another manner.

Maybe creating more of an awareness on campus or a different consequence other than parental notification will be the best solution.

However, this new policy will cause students to feel their freedom is being restricted – and this is not the best way to go.



ADAM PHAM

June 17, 1994, was a day I will never forget.

I was only a little boy, but the memory is electrically vivid. My family had taken a weekend jaunt to Omaha, Neb., and through the fuzzy television set in our hotel room, we joined the rest of the country in watching the "slow-speed chase," the opening narrative of a thriller so surreal and excessive that it parodied parody itself.

It began conventionally enough: A woman and her close friend had been the victims of a grisly double homicide, and the perpetrator — a scorned lover turned cold-blooded killer — was preparing to strike himself from the record in grand fashion.

The main characters themselves were a perfect exercise in archetypes as well — the murderer a powerful and sinister black man, and his victims a beautiful, wholesome white couple.

After having left behind something of a suicide note, he had summoned a close friend, and together they tried to flee Los Angeles on the freeway. Famously, of course, this silly little getaway proceeded at only 35 mph, drawing the annoyed relief of the authorities and the amusement of a rapt audience.

But very best of all, the murderer was a famous football hero and public icon. Could we possibly ask for more?

Apparently we could, because the ensuing trial soon metamorphosed into a high-profile theater for hucksters, thrill-seekers and other opportunists.

More characters became distinct: the prosecution, the woefully underprepared, unqualified and overwhelmed antagonists; the flamboyant defense, a legal "Dream Team"; Mark Fuhrman, the disgraced detective whose stupidity and

thoroughgoing racism damned the prosecution; Kato Kaelin, the irrelevant idiot jester who never saw a couch he wasn't willing to crash on; and the hapless Judge Ito, the only member of the circus who seemed to have less control of the court than the prosecution.

And what of our protagonist? O.J. Simpson himself sat quietly for the duration of both trials, smugly chitchatting with his lawyers and occasionally grinning.

This was a marvelous and grotesque epic story, perverse enough to enthrall even the hardened American imagination. It had sex, violence, voyeuristic intrigue, socioeconomic and sociopolitical commentary, comic relief, celebrity fetishism and a pair of heartbroken children trapped in the middle.

Rightly so, it was dubbed

the American "Irial of the Century," but in hindsight, we were the ones really on trial. And though American tribalism was acquitted, our national dignity still ultimately found itself at the scaffold, because everyone knows what happened next.

The astonishing acquittal handed down from the exasperated jury sent a shock wave through our culture and gave us a collective judicial midlife crisis.

How could our system have failed us so miserably? How could we – through the proxy of 12 of our own – have allowed ourselves to be distracted by and give sanction to the defense team's outrageous dog-and-pony

And how else could we view such a situation, other than as yet another embarrassing snapshot in the photo album of American race relations?

The latest – and hopefully last – chapter in this drama almost seems like a hasty afterthought.

Last Friday – on the 13th anniversary of his acquittal, coincidentally – Simpson was convicted for kidnapping and armed robbery in connection with some shady memorabilia dealings, a crime for which he might just spend the rest of his life in prison.

To label this anticlimactic little epilogue "karmic" is to betray my opinion, but justice needn't be poetic to be satisfying.

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They might resist and

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## Friends can save peers from wrecking their lives with drugs

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it to them as a good friend

I like to think of myself as a pretty mellow per-

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JIM BANKS

We all know people whose lives seem like big train wrecks.

We've seen people who have abused hard drugs or medication or people who simply have been down too many miles on the wrong road.

But one thing that most people never think about is what these individuals might have been like when they were young, when they were just beginning their trek down that long road. I know one of the people who could be a future "train wreck."

This person recently started down a bad road. Stealing, taking drugs and generally alienating people around him seemed to become commonplace.

Before, he was the type of person who you couldn't help but like. He was someone you couldn't stay mad at and always wanted to be around.

I feel I could have prevented his descent to this new level of behavior.

If you know any of these people, don't be na-

It's easy to brush someone else's issues aside and pretend they don't affect you. But if you're as good a

friend as you think you are,

or they think you are, then

it does affect you, whether

When he started using drugs, I thought he would eventually stop or that he was just experimenting.

But it escalated.
Pretty soon, using
marijuana turned into
abusing pain medication.
Abusing pain medication
turned into using cocaine.

Oddly, I didn't really put a lot of thought into it. After all, I'm a college student, and I work about 30 hours a week. I was convinced that it wasn't my responsi-

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I was wrong, and I didn't help. Now this person is moving from place to place. He doesn't hang out with the people he once did, mostly because he can't be trusted. It looks like a hard life, and I feel that I could have done

Please, if you know any of these people, help them. It's all too common to see people make messes of their lives because no

one decided to take the first step and confront



Molly Miller | COLLEGIAN

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**Apparently,** professors don't like being told, "That's what she said."

**To** the dude at Top of the World, way to ruin a perfectly good make-out session.

I just saw a girl with three greek letters on the seat of her pants. However, I think she had room to fit the entire greek alphabet.

**KSU** parking shuttle doesn't know how to undo the handicap doors? What kind of driver are you?

Amanda, you are beautiful, and don't you ever forget it.

**Shane** Oram, you must be a virgin, otherwise you wouldn't have

gin, otherwise you wouldn't have bothered to write that article.

**Usually** I have sex not because I'm looking for love, but because I love sex.

**Thanks** K-State for planning a

home game on Fall Break. Stupid.

**The** redheaded Irishman got me hooked on Irish whiskey.

**I'm** in bed with two guys right

**To** acknowledge my appreciation for the collegiate cattlewomen, I would like to say thank you for everything that they do.



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## Saliva test strips used to detect underage drinking

By Jenene Heavey KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A new method of curtailing underage drinking with saliva testing strips is regulating dormitory life across the country.

The test strips offer results within four minutes, with color changes on the strip ranging from light green to dark blue-gray indicating blood-alcohol concentration

According to K-State's Housing and Dining Services, instituting this control at K-State is not a possibility at this time.

"For the most part, [current alcohol policies] are effective," said Marty Hutchinson,

Housing and Dining administrative assistant. General residence hall policy and the student life handbook state that students age 21 and older may consume 3.2-percent beer in the residence halls, but neither indicates means of

handling violations by underage students. Up to a case of beer can be kept in a room, but no kegs or party balls are allowed.

If university consequences are the aim, in-

stead of legal consequences, Riley County Police Department Lt. Kurt Moldrup said consequences would be applied fairly and properly if saliva alcohol testing is used.

"Good policies would have to be written," Moldrup said. "Anything that gives a quick determination of whether someone has had alcohol or not can't be a negative thing - as long as the constitutional issues are covered."

If implemented at K-State, this type of testing might not be met with enthusiasm by stu-

"I don't think it would go over very well [at K-State], because I think most colleges are trying to get the legal drinking age down to 18," said Eli Anderson, freshman in pre-journalism and mass communications and Marlatt Hall resident. "You're going to spend a lot of money with little results

Anderson said attention should shift from detection to awareness and said the "forbidden fruit" syndrome or desire to experiment with alcohol in college is part of the experi-

"There's very loose enforcement," he said. "I've seen it happen. It's easy to get alcohol into the dorms. There's no serious regulation."

Anderson said within the first six weeks of classes, he had been aware of random checks mainly because of noise complaints – where underage drinking was discovered.

He said residence hall officials just give warnings and send a letter to parents after the

Alcoscreen saliva test strips cost more than a urine test, at \$54.49 for 24 test strips, but zero-tolerance programs use them because of the minimal risk for tampering, noninvasive method and detection of alcohol use within 10-24 hours.

Universities like North Idaho College use the test strips when students are suspected of drinking, found with alcohol containers or involved in altercations.

At universities with no-tolerance policies, consequences can include \$100 fines, an addiction assessment and counseling, community service, probation, eviction and expulsion.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR** 

## Students should support K-State athletics no matter the records

To the student fans of our Wild-

As an alumna and former student -athlete, I try to follow and support our Wildcats as much as I can, in as many sports as I can. My husband and I have been privileged to be able to hold season tickets to the football games for the last five years. As you may or may not be aware, those last years haven't been the best ones in our football program's recent history. However, after last Saturday, I am forced to come to the conclusion that apparently next to none of you must know anything about the history of Wildcat football prior to the

I was raised a Wildcat by parents who went to all the football games, as students, in the middle and late 70s. For those of you who know nothing about those times, in those days, a single touchdown was sometimes something to celebrate much the same way that we celebrated winning the Big 12 Title by beating "unbeatable" Oklahoma. We cheered for every first down because it used to be a major achievement just to get one, and touchdowns were almost unthinkable.

Today's games may not be pretty, but they are so far from those days in that we still have things to be positive about when it comes to K-State football. Our offense is pretty good, and our special teams are decent too. And while our defensive schemes are somewhat lacking, the defensive players are still out there playing hard and coming up with some big hits.

You all think it's hard for us in the stands to watch games like Saturday's, but it's even harder for the players. Not a single one of them came to K-State with the attitude that they were going to go out and lose on Saturday to ruin your day. They came here expecting to win and fully willing to go out and get the snot beat out of them in the attempt. The least they can expect is for you, the fans, to get behind them and support them when they go out and do the best they can.

When they came as recruits, they saw stands full of fans backing their Cats. When they were growing up, like you, they saw and heard about the great college fans at K-State who followed their team anywhere, no matter what. I remember a K-State nation that saw their Cats let a Big 12 Title game slip away along with a national championship shot. I remember how that team saw their bowl status fall down from a BCS Bowl to the Alamo Bowl, and yet their fans still came in droves.

I have never thought anything would disappoint me more than hearing that the Nebraska fans booed their players last year when they were having a tough season. I was wrong. I heard the unthinkable on Saturday. I heard K-State "fans" booing their players this past Saturday, and I am ashamed. Hearing the unthinkable was followed by seeing the unthinkable: empty stands, and an even more shocking empty student section. Why on earth would any player want to play for this crowd and these fans, or, if you're a recruit, why would you come here? Do any of you who were there and participated in this travesty of "fan" support honestly think that the way you behaved will make any of this any better?

Angela Harris K-State alumna of track and field **LETTER TO THE EDITOR** 

## Story about snake owner has many inaccuracies

When I opened the Collegian last week and found an article pertaining to reptile breeding I was very excited; exotic and local reptile husbandry and collecting has always been a hobby and passion of mine.

After reading the article, I was appalled. Not only was it filled with many biological and scientific errors and untruths, but its message contradicted the message that many local reptile breeders and pet store owners try to convey.

First of all, the Russells state they own two large "red-tailed boa pythons." That is impossible as there is no such reptile species; there are redtail boas and ball pythons, but no cross-breeding between the species. This species is a common boa and its price ranges between \$100-200.

There were many other scientific errors in the article, but the kicker for me was the comment, "It could eat you or your children." It was rude and definitely untrue.

As reptile caretakers, it is our job to educate the people and try to get them to respect snakes (as well as all animals) not fear them.

This article was very wrong in its presented facts, and it offends me and many others, including the many Manhattan snake enthusiasts.

**Rider Frey** Sophomore in horticulture

## Columnist credibility challenged by old facts

Editor,

I read Molly Hamm's interesting article on India while browsing the Internet. There are certain things Hamm and her readers ought to know.

The statistic that says that 700 million people in India subsist on \$2 a day is incorrect, as well as old

Recent data is not available. It is important to get 2008 data because India's GDP is doubling every six years. I have gathered some

India has a total of 220 million households. The average household consists of five people. Out of this, 125 million households have electric fans. The rest do not have more, probably because the government has not provided electricity.

About 80 million households have color TV, and more than one-third of all Indians have cell phones.

When you talk about spending – not earning – \$2 per day per person, the National Sample Survey Organization in India has come up with this statistic. In fact, the equivalent Indian Rupees in purchasing power parity terms is Rs 20 per day per person.

Rs 20 on a PPP scale is equivalent to \$2. But based on the current exchange rate, it is about 45 cents. What can you get for 45 cents in the U.S.? Not even a can of Coke from a vending machine.

But in India, you can get four large cauliflower for Rs 20 in the winter. For Rs 20 you can get about seven pounds of potatoes. You can get a cheap but quality T-shirt for Rs 150 (\$3.50), or you can get a dozen eggs for Rs 30, about 68 U.S.

A pound of tomatoes costs 20 cents while a pound of carrots costs 15 cents. I collected these prices from today's online edition of a popular Bengali newspaper from India.

Would you still think that people who spend less than Rs 20 per day per person are "extremely poor," to quote Hamm's column? They are poor by U.S. stan-

When you talk about \$3 billion annual funding from the World Bank, it is worth noting that it is a loan and not a handout. Also, it is less than 0.3 percent of India's annual GDP.

## Death penalty column creates much discussion

Editor,

I write in regard to Joel Campbell's death penalty arti-

First, I'd like to point out his lack of substantial citations. Perhaps I could have checked his "facts," but, alas, that would be impossible aside from his mention of cbsnews.

Secondly, to counter his "taxpayer" argument, the death penalty is actually ridiculously more expensive. "A 2003 legdeath penalty case was 70 percent more than the cost of a comparable non-death penalty case," according to a December 2003 survey by the Kansas Legislative Post Audit.

This is because of the fact that most of the costs associated with the death penalty occur in trial and during pro-

I would also like to point out that studies have shown the death penalty to be an ineffective crime deterrent, according to the New York Times.

It's also important to refer to international activity, like the U.N. General Assembly moratorium on executions

I realize that rape is a gross violation of human rights,

Junior in political science

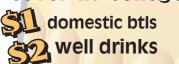








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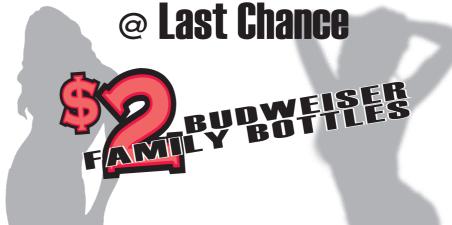
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**Graham Harrell |** Harrell threw for 454 yards and a career-high-tying six touchdowns. He also ran for a touchdown. Harrell spread the ball all over the field, as 11 different Texas Tech receivers caught at least one pass.

**FOOTBALL | TEXAS TECH 58, K-STATE 28** 

**NUMBER TO REMEMBER** 

24 | Texas Tech scored 24 points in the second quarter after K-State tied the game early in the quarter on a one-yard touchdown run by Josh Freeman. By halftime, the Wildcats were too far behind to catch up with the explosive Red Raider **QUOTE OF THE GAME** 

**Chris Carney** | On the 30-point loss to Texas Tech "It is definitely embarrassing. Anytime that you get beat by 30 points, it is going to be embarrassing. Especially with how often they threw, we put the loss on our shoulders. We have to go and watch film and put it all behind

# Red Raider runaway



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Texas Tech receiver Michael Crabtree breaks a tackle attempt by K-State backup cornerback Billy McClellan. Crabtree, the reigning Biletnikoff

## Texas Tech dominates KSU on offense, defense

K-State (3-2, 0-1 Big 12) clearly displayed its worst offensive performance of the season, as

the Wildcats were only able to muster 296 yards.

Josh Freeman started the game on fire but hit

attempts. Freeman completed 13-of-28 for 170

fense I feel that we have – we under-achieved

tonight," Freeman said. "As a quarterback and

the leader of the offense, it's unacceptable the

as the Wildcats play four of the next five games

away from Manhattan. With that in mind, Prince

offered the K-State faithful a much-needed

glimpse of hope when looking ahead to the rest

out and stayed, I appreciate it and thank them,"

Prince said. "It's a very challenging time for all

of us, and the only thing I can tell them is we

will fight and compete to get this thing turned

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upcoming games.

video highlights and the schedule for

'Those folks who were there today and came

of the season.

way we played, the way I played in particular."

"I'm definitely embarrassed for the type of of-

The road doesn't get any easier for K-State,

yards and one touchdown in the defeat.

By Mike DeVader KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Award winner, caught nine passes for 107 yards and two touchdowns.

If K-State coach Ron Prince wanted to use Big 12 Conference play as a gauge to see how good his team was, he certainly got a vivid picattempts. Freeman completed 13-of-28 for 170 ture of reality as the Wildcats were embarrassed on their home field by No. 7 Texas Tech, 58-28.

Down 38-14 at the break, many fans sensed the humiliating outcome before the start of the second half as dozens of cars flowed out of the east side parking lot of Snyder Family Stadium, and the game did not get any better for the Wildcats in the second half.

"We were thoroughly beaten today by a very good football team on both offense and defense, particularly on both lines," Prince said. "Pretty disappointing all the way around and can't really find any silver linings to this thing.

The Red Raiders (5-0, 1-0 Big 12) shredded the Wildcat defense early and often, gaining a ridiculous 626 yards of offense. The air assault was led by Tech quarterback Graham Harrell, who passed for 454 yards and tied a career high with six touchdown passes, five of which came in the first half. Getting dominated on the defensive side of the ball has become a common theme in the last three games, as the once feared K-State defense has given up an average of just more than 570 yards a game.

'I'm just really disappointed," linebacker Reggie Walker said. "I feel sick. There's the best way to put it, I feel really sick."

We need to learn how to face adversity and learn how to push through it, like when things get bad, you can't hold your head down," he

A lone K-State fan sits out the remainder of the fourth quarter in the student section Saturday at Snyder Family Stadium. Many of the fans left at halftime or during the third quarter. The 58-28

Jonathan Knight KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

loss to Texas Tech was

the largest margin of

victory by an opponent

at home for the Wildcats

since the Big 12 formed

in 1996.



**BOXSCORE** 

K-State

**First Quarter** TTII—I eong 1 pass from Harrell (Carona kick), 12:57. KSU—Pierce 33 pass from Freeman (Rossman kick), 11:31.

TTU—Crabtree 10 pass from Harrell (Carona kick), 5:07. **Second Quarter** KSU—Freeman 1 run (Rossman kick),

TTU—Carona 31 field goal, 9:43. TTU—Leong 15 pass from Harrell (Carona kick), 8:12. TTU—Hale 4 pass from Harrell (Carona kick), 3:53.

TTU—Crabtree 29 pass from Harrell (Carona kick),:44. **Third Quarter** —Freeman 3 run (Rossman kick),

TTU—Leong 7 pass from Harrell (Carona kick), 4:34.

**Fourth Quarter** TTU—Harrell 1 run (Carona kick), 13:45. TTU—Batch 9 run (Carona kick), 12:01 KSU—Pierce 18 blocked punt return

(Rossman kick), 4:22

	TTU	KSU
First downs	33	18
Total Net Yards	626	296
Rushes-yards	30-136	36-113
Passing	454	183
Comp-Att-Int	42-60-1	15-31-0
Punt Returns	2-8	1-33
Kickoff Returns	1-25	6-145
Punts-Average	1-0	4-33.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	6-38	2-10

**Individual Statistics** RUSHING—TTU, Woods 18-70, Batch 9-68, Harrell 1-1, Sonier 1-(minus 1), Team 1-(minus 2). KSU, Brown 25-64,

Time of Possession 35:06

170, Coffman 2-3-0-13.

Coffman 2-25, Freeman 7-13, Murphy 1-6, PASSING—TTU, Harrell 38-51-0-454, Potts 4-9-1-36. KSU, Freeman 13-28-0-

**RECEIVING**—TTU, Crabtree 9-107, Morris 7-98, Lewis 6-71, Swindall 4-65, James 4-36, Batch 3-29, Leong 3-23, Franks 2-15, Britton 2-14, Woods 1-28, Hale 1-4 KSU, Murphy 4-42, Banks 3-51, Brown 3-11, Mastrud 2-25, Quarles 2-21, Pierce

INTERCEPTIONS—TTU, none. KSU, Balkcom 1-6.

SACKS - TTU, Dixon 1-5. KSU, none.

Attendance—43,614

## Wildcat volleyball team suffers first sweep against No. 3 Longhorns in Austin

By Justin Nutter KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Before the Wildcat volleyball team left to take on Texas Saturday, head coach Suzie Fritz commented on the Longhorns' style of play, saying they are one of the conference's most athletic

"They're one of the more physical teams in the league in terms of overall athleticism, without question," Fritz said after Thursday's practice.

That athleticism proved to be too much for the No. 17 Wildcats (14-3, 4-2 Big 12 Conference), as they were swept by the No. 3 Longhorns (10-2, 4-1 Big 12) Saturday night in Austin, Texas. The match marked the first time the Wildcats have been swept this season.

Texas won the match by scores of 25-20, 25-21 and 25-16. K-State was able to compete with the Longhorns for the first two games, but the squad was overpowered in the last set, as Texas ran away with the victory in the finale. The Wildcats held

an early lead in every set, but several runs by the

Longhorns eliminated any chance of an upset. Three scorers tallied double-digit kills in the match, including Texas' Destinee Hooker, who topped all competitors with 16 kills. Ashley Engle added 10 for the Longhorns. K-State's senior out-

side hitter Rita Liliom contributed 15 kills. The Wildcats will resume conference play when they play host to the Missouri Tigers on Wednesday at Ahearn Field House. Play will begin at 7 p.m.

**ANALYSIS** 

## Defense struggles to solve problems

By Cole Manbeck KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Not even wind gusts of up to 20 mph could slow down Texas Tech's highpowered offense as the Red Raiders rolled to a 58-28 victory over K-State on Saturday.

It was K-State's worst home defeat in nearly 12 years, when it lost to Nebraska 39-3 in 1996.

At the end of the game, only a few thousand of the 43,614 fans in attendance remained.

Coach Ron Prince said he could not find a silver lining in his team's performance.

were thoroughly beaten today by a very good football team on both offense and defense, particularly on both lines," he said. "Offensively, we came out and laid an egg. We were soundly and thoroughly de-

feated? Red Raiders quarterback Graham Harrell threw for 454 yards and six touchdowns while shattering the Texas Tech record for career passing yards. He completed nearly 75 percent of his passes while leading the Red Raiders to 626 yards of total offense.

The 58 points was a season-high for Tech, who has played one of the weakest non-conference schedules in the country, playing Eastern Washington, Southern Methodist, Nevada and Massachusetts.

K-State fans saw a glimmer of hope when the Wildcats tied the game at 14-14 with 14 minutes, 35 seconds remaining in the second quarter. However, that hope quickly faded as the Tech offense could not be stopped. It scored 24 unanswered points while taking a 38-14 halftime lead.

The Red Raiders scored on seven straight possessions, six of which were touchdowns, while building an insurmountable 52-21 lead with almost 14 minutes remaining in the game.

Wildcat offense knew it had to be nearly perfect. But it faltered while abandoning the running game, only attempting eight attempts on the ground in the first half.

Yet, when trailing by a large margin in the second half and needing quick scores, coach Ron Prince elected to run the ball 28 times, chewing up valuable

Quarterback Josh Freeman had his worst game of the season, completing less than 46 percent of his passes for 170 yards and a touchdown.

At one point, Freeman misfired on 9-of-10 passes, including several dropped balls by his receivers.

It was the third straight game in which an opponent has accumulated more than 500 yards of offense against the Wildcats. In those three games, they have allowed 1,712 total yards and have given up 133 points, an average of 44 points per

The defense at one point had allowed its opponent to score on 12 of its last 14 possessions, going back to the 45-37 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette. In those 14 possessions, the opponent never punted.

"I own it," said defensive end Ian Campbell, who recorded no tackles in the game. "It's my fault, and I need to play better. I am not pleased right now."

## Child poverty hinders U.S. productivity, economic output

By Amanda Moerlin KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Most students receive more than food, clothing and shelter from their parents, but according to a recent press release issued by the National Center for Children in Poverty, 13 million children live without these basic needs.

Part of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, the group retrieved its data from the U.S. Census Bureau's annual report on poverty, income and health insurance.

The report stated that child poverty has increased from 17.4 percent in 2006 to 18 percent in 2007. While this increase is not as dramatic as in the past, the future for American children does not look bright.

According to the NCCP, many U.S. children not only lack the essentials, but also the education, basic life skills and social networks that help families achieve a decent standard of living.

"In addition to the quality of life struggles for America's children that these numbers indicate, this kind of widespread economic hardship has the potential to hinder our nation's competitiveness in the global economy," Nancy K. Cauthen, deputy director at NCCP, said.

Each year, child poverty reduces productivity and economic output by about 1.3 percent. With a limited amount of education comes lower wages, which makes it harder for parents to provide for

Economists estimate that child poverty costs the U.S. \$500 billion a year in lost productivity in the labor force and spending on health care and the criminal

The NCCP and other experts said they have struggled to determine how to solve the child poverty epidemic.

availability employment with higher wages and

the availability of health care needs to be increased, Betsy Cauble, associate professor of social work, said.

"We certainly know there are programs that work," Cauble said. "When children grow up in poverty, they aren't getting the adequate nutrition and brain development. Mentoring programs are particularly important."

Since 1964, the food stamp program has been a valuable asset in fighting hunger, providing about 20 million families with food, according to everychildmatters.org. However, there are still millions who do not receive help. Instead of increasing the funding for the program, the government cut \$3 billion in 2006.

The National School Lunch Program is another service that alleviates the child poverty problem. More than 30.5 million students receive reduced-price or free meals each school day, according to Every Child Matters.

Programs like these that pay attention

to the most important needs of children in poverty are often the most successful in solving the child poverty crisis.

"As a future educator, I feel the best way to help these children is to give them as much of these necessities at school as possible," Rachel King, junior in early childhood education, said. "I want to be able to set up programs where families will be able to come and interact with their children in a healthy and caring way and to apply for grants to help make all of this possible."

#### **IMPOVERISHED KANSAS CHILDREN**

2003 14 percent

2004 12 percent

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2007 15 percent

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## Palin sharpens Obama criticism

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CLEARWATER, Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin expanded her attack on Democrat Barack Obama's character Monday to include his relationship with an incendiary former pastor as well as his ties to 1960s-era radical Bill

the process, Palin toned down her description of the Obama-Ayers relationship after her weekend remarks were criticized as exaggerated, but at the same time she embarked on a discussion of Obama's relationship with his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright which Republican presidential candidate John McCain had signaled he did not want to be a part of his campaign.

Meantime, a new poll showed that Palin's image has changed little with the public since last week's vice presidential debate, but views of her Democratic rival, Joe Biden, have improved.

In an interview with conservative The New York Times columnist William Kristol published the Alaska governor said there should be more discussion about Wright, Obama's pastor of 20 years at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. The Democratic candidate denounced Wright and severed ties with the church last spring after videotapes surfaced showing Wright making anti-American and anti-Semitic comments from the pulpit.

Wright had appeared to be off-limits for the McCain campaign ever since McCain himself condemned the North Carolina Republican Party in April for an ad that called Obama "too extreme" because Wright was his pastor. He asked the party to take down the

ad and said, "I'm making it very clear, as I have a couple of times in the past, that there's no place for that kind of campaigning, and the American people don't want it."

When Kristol pressed Palin about Wright, she replied, "I don't know why that association isn't discussed more, because those were appalling things that that pastor had said about our great country."

She continued, "To me, that does say something about character. But, you know, I guess that would be a John McCain call on whether he wants to bring that up."

At a morning rally Florida, Palin kept her criticism of Obama's ties to Ayers, a founder of the violent Weather Underground group blamed for several bombings during the Vietnam War era, when Obama was a child.

The Illinois senator has denounced Ayers' radical views and activities.

"This is someone who sees America as 'imperfect enough' to work with a former domestic terrorist who targeted his own country," Palin said of Obama. That was a tamer description than Palin used at rallies in California and Colorado over the weekend.

In her earlier attacks, Palin had said that Obama "pals around with terrorists." News reports pointed out that Obama was eight years old at the time of Weather Underground bombings and that the two men do not know each other well although they live in the same Chicago neighborhood, have served on a charity board together and Ayers hosted a meetthe-candidate event when Obama first ran for state office in the mid-1990s.

Meanwhile, poll conducted by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center over the weekend

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found that just over half of registered voters view Palin favorably and about four in 10 think she's qualified to be president, essentially unchanged from a week earlier, before her debate with Biden. Biden's positive image improved slightly to 63 percent, and those saying he's qualified to be president grew to 77 percent, the same poll showed.

Reporters were not permitted to talk to Palin's audience in a Clearwater park, the St. Petersburg Times reported.

When any reporter leave designated press area and head to where the crowd was seated, an escort would dart out, confront him or her and turn the person around, Times staff writer Eileen Schulte wrote on the paper's Web

One escort, who would not give her name, told a reporter the press could not mingle with the crowd because negative things had been written in the past, Schulte reported.

Later, Obama adviser David Axelrod told CNN the Illinois senator "didn't know the history" of Ayers' Weather Underground activities when Ayers hosted the 1995 gathering. Speaking in Estero, Fla., Palin responded, "Today they're saying for the first time that Barack Obama didn't know back then about Ayers' radical background."

## State representative Carlin, challenger field questions at Meadowlark Hills

By Whitney Hodgin KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Sixth-year state representative and Democratic incumbent Sydney Carlin shared a table with Republican hopeful Dee McKee Friday night at Meadowlark Hills to answer questions from Meadowlark residents just one month away from Election Day.

Dr. Kimetris Baltrip, K-State assistant professor of journalism and mass communications, moderated the hour-long debate, which was directed by selected questions submitted by residents.

McKee emphasized her most pressing issues were related to children, while Carlin was adamant that Manhattan needed a new energy policy and transportation plan, admitting, "We didn't go a good job with energy last year."

Carlin said STAR bonds, which are funding a majority of the downtown redevelopment projects, are good tools to support economic development in cities

larger than Manhattan. She also supports gambling in Kansas, saying that revenue from gambling would help pay off debt and infrastructure and provide property tax relief.

"I think a mistake was made when STAR bonds come to small towns with small programs," Carlin said.

McKee said she does not support gambling, but understands that gambling potentially revenue could education.

'Some of my friends are for it, some of my friends are against it, and I know I support my friends," McKee said.

One resident-submitted question asked both women why they decided to pursue a place in office. McKee said she had always had an interest in politics.

'I've followed politics like some people follow football in this town," McKee said. Carlin spoke of her experience and

perserverence in public office.

"You've asked me to continue to stay," she noted.

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## Static shock



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### Viewers will have to switch to digital cable after analog broadcasts cease in February

By Kellen Whaley KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

On Feb. 17, 2009, full-power television stations will stop broadcasting analog channels and begin broadcasting exclusively in a digital format.

This means that those who still use an antenna to pick up cable signals and do not subscribe to a pay TV service must make a change to digital signals.

James Millsap, Best Buy sales consultant and senior in international agribusiness, said making switch from analog to digital is not complicated.

Many people think they will be required to purchase a brand-new TV, but all viewers need is a digital television converter box.

This small device easily hooks up to

any analog TV and converts the digital signal into an analog format making it viewable on an analog set, according to Cox Communications' Web site.

Though it's not a complicated process, some might wonder why this switch is even necessary.

DTV technology is more efficient than analog, offering clearer pictures and better quality sound, according to the Cox site.

stations broadcast in Once all digital, other portions of the airwaves will be free and can then be used for other services like public and safety services - such as police, fire departments, emergency rescue - and some advanced wireless services.

government broadcasters for their spectrum back to utilize it for emergency services, like Amber Alerts," said Sarah Kauffman,

Cox Communications public relations director. "Analog takes up more space than digital, so more channels can go on digital frequencies which is better for consumers and better for broadcasters.

Millsap said the change is primarily for clarity and convenience.

"It's along the lines of changing from VHS to DVD," he said. "Digital TV will also allow for multicasting - when stations transmit multiple programs at one time. It literally makes television more efficient and will help with data

However, Kauffman said most students will not have to worry about the change.

Unless an antenna is being used to obtain cable service, an analog

converter is not necessary. "Students who are still using

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an analog TV have three options," Kauffman said. "They can get a coupon online for \$40, which they can take to a store like Radio Shack or Best Buy and use it to purchase a digital converter.

'Option two is to buy a brand-new TV with a digital tuner inside. Option three is to hook up their TV to cable or satellite. It doesn't matter how old the TV is – they won't even be able to tell it's an analog TV."

In order to make this switch more convenient for consumers who might have multiple analog sets, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration is issuing coupons for DTV converter boxes.

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**ENTERTAINMENT NEWS** 



#### **KANSAS NATIVE RIPS INTO POLITICAL** 'WRECKING CREW'

ATLANTA - Thomas Frank says he's fascinated by contradiction and irony. So it seems cosmically appropriate that he arrivesd at CNN Center the day headlines screamed about the market meltdown, prompting the free-market Bush administration to call for a massive bailout package. (The package was passed by Congress and signed by the president last week.)

Frank was in Atlanta to talk about "The Wrecking Crew: How Conservatives (Metropolitan/ Henry Holt), and the leftleaning cultural historian had plenty to reflect upon.

Frank, the Kansas native whose previous book, "What's the Matter With Kansas," examined why his home state went from home of agrarian populism to become a conservative stronghold, Republican sees "The Wrecking Crew" as the follow-up.

"The question that had puzzled me as a historian all these years was the phenomenon of workingclass conservatism," Frank said. "This is the other side of that story. I moved to Washington and [saw] how these people work when they're actually in power. [And] it has nothing to do

with what they're talking about on the streets of Wichita.



PALIN ROLE IN 'SNL' **DEBATE SKETCH** 

NEW YORK starting to feel like Tina Fey is running for vice president.

Fey again returned to "Saturday Night Live" to play Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin as the comedy show continued to entertain

in its election-year season. The "SNL" take on the week's political events has become a dependable part of the news cycle, offering near-immediate parodies of the presidential candidates and their running mates. The show - particularly the opening sketches has resonated with higher ratings for the program and increased traffic on its Web site where early-to-bed viewers catch the talkedabout sketches in the days

"SNL" - which was hosted Saturday by Anne Hathaway with the Killers performing - will get its first weekend off this week. But it will still capitalize on election campaign fodder with the first of three "Weekend prime-time Update" specials beginning Thursday.

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In last year's College Sustainability Report Card, published by the Sustainable Endowments Institute, almost 70 percent of the 200 universities studied nationwide received a grade of C or lower on their campus sustainability practices, but K-State received a D+. The report card for this year was recently published and our university has climbed,

receiving a C. If you look around at our campus within the past year, sustainability has become a more visible and targeted goal at K-State. It is exciting to see the university and its students taking steps toward improving our sustainable practices, but we still have a long ways to go if we want to create lasting grassroots

much work still needed despite improvement

and institutional change. The Sustainability Report Card administers grades in nine categories: administration, climate change and energy, food and recycling, green building, student involvement, transportation, endowment transparency, investment priorities and shareholder engagement.

#### K-STATE'S REPORT CARD ■ K-State administration

is working with the Board of Regents to create a sustainability policy for the state of Kansas. Officials have also shown their commitment to sustainability by hiring a campus director for sustainability in 2008.

- Housing and Dining Services purchases many of its ingredients from local producers including dairy, beef and flour, and the Student Farm Club provides some organic produce. Between 10 and 12 percent of the waste generated on campus is recycled, and this number could dramatically increase with current efforts to plan a new recycling facility
- New construction on the K-State campus must meet certain levels of energy efficiency, and many of the upcoming

construction projects have plans to become LEED certified (a testament to the incorporation of sustainable elements). Additionally, there are numerous student organizations and initiatives on campus which are working on environmental issues and concerns.

- K-State is focusing on transportation with the use of vehicles that run on ethanol (including one hybrid car). The university is also working to encourage the use of alternative transportation by improving conditions for both bikers and walkers on campus and in the community.
- A significant portion of the Sustainable Endowments Institute's report card includes reviewing the university's endowment procedures. The report card notes that K-State's endowment holdings are viewable to the public and that the university invests in renewable energy funds.

Now what does all of this information actually mean?

While we are doing incredible work to move K-State forward as a leader in sustainability – after all, we moved up from being last in the Big 12

the previous year – we are still lacking in a few areas. There is no denying that individuals across campus are hard at work attempting to raise our grade, but there is still significant work to be done.

When the university community is educated about the important components of sustainability, then it is easier for each of us to make concentrated efforts to improve K-State's standing and its practices. So what can you do?

Go online and check out report cards from other schools to bring great ideas to our campus and then advocate to make them happen.

Remember, like in school, grades do not matter as much as the learning and behavioral changes that occur in the process.

I challenge the university to continue its efforts in creating positive change and encourage nearby universities and communities to move forward with us.

Molly Hamm is a senior in English and secondary education and is the founder of K-State's "Greeks Go Green," one of the first greek sustainability organizations in the U.S. Please send comments to edge@ spub.ksu.edu.

**CLUB PROFILE** 

## K-State students use popular children's books to promote literacy efforts, love of reading

By Amanda Keim KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When K-State's English department added Children's Literature to its master's degree program, graduate students decided to found an organization to match.

During the fall 2006 semester, a group of students talked about fostering communication and interest in children's literature, and from their interest, the Children's and Adolescent Literary Community was born.

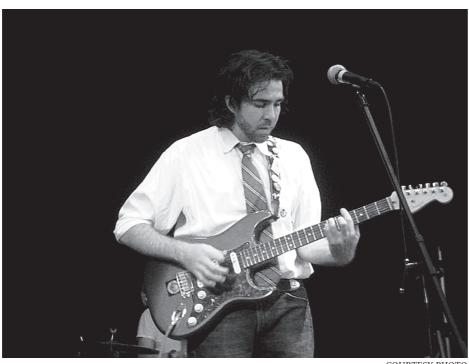
Rachel Parkin co-president, said the group is best described as a student-led organization dedicated to promoting a critical understanding and appreciation of children's litera-

"Members tend to be drawn to ChALC because of their interest in the literature we promote and the events we sponsor," Parkin, graduate student in English, said. "Sometimes that interest is professional, and sometimes it is purely recreational. However, all ChALC members share an appreciation of literature for children."

membership The is mainly comprised of English graduate students and undergraduates in English and education. However, Parkin said membership is open

"ChALC is open to everyone, so if you are interested in exploring children's literature and working on projects that promote children's literature, we'd love to have you join us," Parkin said.

Westman, Karin ChALC adviser, said the group sponsors several visiting writers and



Adam Duberly of the Mudbloods, a "Harry Potter" tribute band based out of Austin, Texas, performs at the March 2008 ChALC-sponsored Hallows and Horcruxes Ball. The band will also be featured in this year's H&H Ball lineup.

speakers with connections to children's and young adult literature throughout the year. In July, a "ChALC Talk" generated discussion on Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" series, just prior to the release of her fourth book in the vampire romance series, "Breaking Dawn."

Westman, associate professor of English and department head, said one of the more popular events from last year, the Hallows and Horcruxes Ball - named for fictional characters featured in J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" book series – will return in March as a benefit concert. The event will again feature various wizarding bands to benefit literacy.

"Children's literacy is an incredibly worthy cause because in a literate and technological society such as America,

communication is crucial for success in any area of life," said Chelsea Brimer, ChALC copresident. "The sooner a child learns to read and is taught to embrace reading – the more likely that child is to be a good student and a thoughtful, well-informed citizen as

As a graduate student in English, Brimer said she joined ChALC as a way to become involved with her area of study. Now, however, Brimer said ChALC has become one of her favor-"Now I stay involved

with ChALC because it's one of the most fun organizations I've ever been a part of," Brimer said. "What other organization throws a Harry Potter rock concert to benefit children's literacy, talks about the literary merit of Little Gold-

Ongo in a Lifetime -

en Books, gives scholarly presentations about 'Little Women' or hosts lunches with national-ly recognized children's book authors?"

ChALC meets monthly to discuss events and new ideas regarding children's literature.

"As a relatively small organization, ChALC has accomplished some big projects," Parkin said.

With these 'big projects' in mind, ChALC will continue to establish newfound appreciation for children's literacy and raise funds on its behalf. "ChALC seeks to

promote children's literacy through instilling a lifelong love of children's literature in KSU undergraduate and graduate students that they can share with friends and family as they move beyond the walls of Kansas State University," Brimer

## TRIO | Emotion-filled

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Schoenfield. Composed in the mid-1980s, the Schoenfield selection showcased the Trio's repertoire of songs, which includes both older and contemporary classical music.

After an intermission, the group played Dvorák's Antonín "Trio in F minor." As an encore, they performed "Gallop," the fifth movement of George Bizet's composi-tion, "Children's Game."

"It pulled me in," said

Chelsey McAllister, senior in English. "I really liked the more emotional movements, like the second movement of the Café Music and the Dvorák."

Allan Saylor, junior in management, said he also enjoyed the second piece, "Café Music," and said the trio was "definitely virtuo-

Julia said the Café piece is lively and fun to play. By contrast, the Dvorák is like a main course, she said, expressing a wide range of emotions. She said she hoped the audience heard and felt that range, too, she

The Claremont Trio has released two albums. A third one will be available later this month, as the ladies celebrate their tenth anniversary performing to-

"They're world-class," said Todd Holmberg, executive director of McCain Auditorium. "They have a bright future ahead of them.

## **GREEK | Local support** vital for bill's passage

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In 2006, Pi Phi National mandated all houses have fire sprinkler systems installed. Pulford said the national organization offered loans to the individual houses that needed money to comply to the new regulations. The K-State chapter did not need to use one of

"We did it as part of our

maintenance and upkeep, and those years we chose to do the fire sprinkler system," Pulford said.

Eagleburger asked students, friends, faculty and alumni to write letters to their state and federal representatives in support of the current house bill.

"We have outdated properties," Eagleburger said. "This property needs to be updated. It is life or death."



The Pi Beta Phi sprinkler system was recently installed as a result of



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## FIRE | Prevention easier if steps followed

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Most of the wildfires are put out quickly, but he said it can occasionally be difficult with dryness and wind.

Randy Slover, K-State director of fire safety, said he's pleased with the amount of help K-State gets from the

other fire prevention organizations during Fire Prevention Week.

"They do a good job," he said. "The state has been very supportive in the last few years."

Among various pieces of literature available was a pamphlet titled

"College Fire Safety." It offers tips on preventing fires caused by cigarettes, cooking and candles and gives suggestions for escaping a structure fire. This pamphlet and other material will be available through Wednesday in Bosco Student Plaza.





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## Wonderful wizard of Wamego



Photos by Nathaniel LaRue  $\mid$  COLLEGIAN

OZtoberFest, or OzFest as it was commonly known, was Friday to Sunday in Wamego. The festival had fans of "The Wizard of Oz" from as far away as Kentucky over the

### Original Munchkins, guest speakers headline annual OZtoberFest; students dress in character

**By Amelia Wiederaenders** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Amid barking Totos and bad witches with wide-brimmed hats and good witches with tall tiaras, Lincoln Street in Wamego was dressed to impress in classic "Wizard of Oz" style Friday and Saturday

The town celebrated its annual OZtoberFest with guest speakers, carnival activities and appearances by original Munchkins. Lincoln Street was filled with booths selling assorted OZ and autumnal items, puppies and kittens were up for adoption, and a petting zoo drew many children.

Among the speakers at the OZ Museum were Robert Baum, the great-grandson of "The Wizard of Oz" author Frank Baum, and John Fricke, author and his-

torian of "The Wizard of OZ."

"I've been a fan since I was 5," Fricke said. "In the last 20 years, it's become a career."

Fricke said his reasons for building a career out of the cult classic are simple – he likes the chance to make people happy with the purity of the subject.

"It speaks to the higher common denominator," Fricke said. "Everybody knows it and loves it. It just speaks so well and so clearly."

Several hundred people celebrated OZtoberfest, but some fans were more zealous than others.

Jill Walters booked a hotel room in January for the event and drove 500 miles from Dyersville, Iowa, to Wamego.

Krysten Day, junior in family studies, who was dressed as Dorothy, greeted attendees along

with the Tin Man, Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion.

"I've performed as Dorothy in the live version [of "The Wizard of Oz"] at the Columbian Theatre," Day said. "When I was little I would sing 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Perhaps the most exciting part for all OZ fans was four original Munchkins who made appearances at the Columbian Theatre. The actors, now elderly, recalled what filming the movie was like.

"An agent wrote me a letter asking me to come," said Margaret Pellegrini, who was 15 when she appeared in the movie.

Karl Slover, 21 at the time of filming, said he got a role as first trumpeter because the original cast member would not take the lead.



Fans of "The Wizard of Oz" get photos taken with the Scarecrow, Dorothy, the Tinman and the Lion Saturday morning during Wamego's annual OZtoberFest.

Overall, the Munchkins said their time on set was fun.
"I think it comes through in

[the Lollipop Guild scene]," former Munchkin Ruth Duccini said.

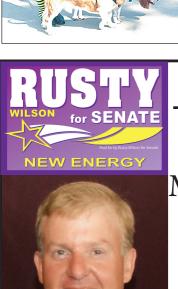




LEFT: **Martie Baker**, lifetime Wamego resident, holds back her dogs that she brought to OZtoberFest for the pet parade Saturday afternoon. Baker said she had made them costumes and was very excited, since she usually attended a different festival at this time of year.

RIGHT: The Kaw Valley Express steams through downtown Wamego Saturday giving children and their parents a ride across OZtoberFest.





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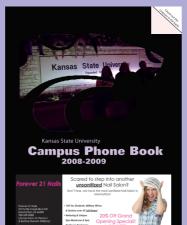
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## DRINKING | New policy aims to help students' academic success

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student's first violation.

"We've kind of studied it for a while, but didn't really jump right into it," Reed said. "We wanted to decide if this was a good thing for our students."

The decision to change the policy at K-State, she said, came from growing concerns about the amount of alcohol use by students, particularly underage

"We decided it was appropriate," Reed said. "We should be making sure that our students

who might have a problem are able to get help, and their parents and their family would be an integral part of making sure students have the help and support they need."

The usual recourse, Reed said, is requiring students to complete the first step of Assessing Behaviors to Change after their first offense. If a student commits a second offense, he or she will go through the hearing process again and have to complete subsequent stages of ABC.

"Project ABC helps students to gain control," said Bill Arck, director of Counseling Services. "It helps them to understand that they are in charge of their behavior and lifestyle and that they can make choices that positively enhance their academic and social experiences?

A committee formed from the Office of Student Life, developed the new policy. The committee included former Student Body President Matt Wagner, Student Attorney General Adam Tank, a representative from the residence halls, and several representatives from the Office of Student Life, Reed said.

The new policy is legal under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which was amended in 1998 to allow universities to release information to parents if their child was cited for a drug or alcohol violation. The act allows the university to disclose that information about a student's violation if the student is under the age of 21 or is a "dependent student" as defined by FERPA.

K-State's new Healthy Decisions initiative was one of the main reasons for the new policy,

"We realize students who are making good decisions are going to be more successful in school," she said. "And we felt like those who are having alcohol violations or other drug violations needed to be held accountable."

A study Arck completed in 2003 showed an almost inversely proportional relationship to the amount students drink and their grade point averages. Students who have a GPA above 3.5 have an average of two drinks a week, while students with a GPA below 2.5 have 10 drinks a week,

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## Birds in cityscape focus of latest exhibit at Strecker-Nelson

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Manhattan resident Marlene Irvine admits she knew very little about art five years ago when she first bought a painting of poppy flowers by artist Lisa Lala at the Strecker-Nelson Gallery

"I just wanted to support local art," Irvine said. "That painting changed how I felt about art."

Lala's latest exhibit, "Birds on a Wire," opened Friday at the Strecker-Nelson Gallery, located upstairs at 406 1/2 Poyntz Ave. Several hundred people attended the event, said Jay Nelson, gallery co-owner.

"People don't have to grow to like her work," Nelson said. "They like it immediately, right away."

Lala's pieces feature birds resting on telephone wires. In every piece, the birds peer into a background painted in strong, sharp tones. Lala's works are marked by deep fields of color, made by the large strokes of a palette knife. The birds are often outlined with the handle of the same palette knife, Nelson said. Each of Lala's paletteknife strokes leaves behind rich, thick layers of color, like icing spread across a cake.

"I'm a fan of texture," said Chelsey McCallister, senior in English. "I liked the way the birds had built-up paint."

The most popular paint-

ing, "Line Study #18," had already sold before the exhibit began, Nelson said.

Five years after Irvine's first experience with a Lala original, she is planning to make another purchase, entitled "Philomene Studio III." Marked at \$445, the piece is 14" wide, featuring fields of sky blue, light green, orange, and chocolate shades.

"Lots of people will go buy a cheap print at the store," Irvine said. "But by the time you have it framed and matted, you've spent more money, and you have no individu-

She also had her eye on a much larger piece, entitled 'Crave." Three wires house groups of birds facing into the painting, toward a vivid blood-red background. An onlooker might presume the small darker spaces, mostly toward the bottom of the canvas, are meant to represent city buildings.

"Every room needs a little red or a little black," Irvine

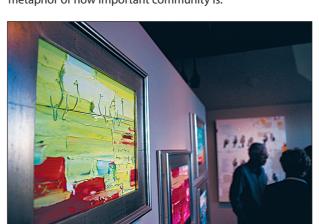
Lala was raised in Manhattan and earned her bachelor of fine arts from the University of Kansas. "Birds On A Wire" will be featured at the gallery until Nov. 15.





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The "Birds on a Line" exhibit by Lisa Lala at the Strecker-Nelson Gallery is a series of paintings on glass and canvas, painted as a metaphor of how important community is.



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